



1998

NORTHERN TERRITORY *at a glance*



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Area	km ²		1 347 225
Average annual rainfall	mm	Darwin	Alice Springs
Average annual temperature		1 666	273
min	°C		
max	°C	23.2	13.2
Average annual humidity		31.9	28.6
9.00 a.m.	%	73	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	23
Highest daily rainfall record:	Roper River Station	1963	544.6 mm
Highest maximum temperature recorded:	Finke	1960	48.3 °C
Lowest minimum temperature recorded:	Alice Springs	1976	-7.5 °C

<i>Estimated Resident Population</i>			
Darwin City	no	1996	1997 (p)
Palmerston	no	68 889	69 415
Darwin Rural Areas	no	13 343	14 849
Katherine	no	15 435	16 147
Alice Springs	no	9 443	9 752
Nhulunbuy	no	25 040	25 713
Tennant Creek	no	3 759	3 784
Northern Territory	no	3 670	3 832
		181 843	187 132

<i>Indigenous Population by Census</i>			
Darwin Statistical Division	no	1991	1996
Alice Springs	no	6 179	7 368
Tennant Creek	no	3 708	3 911
Katherine	no	928	1 517
Northern Territory	no	1 478	1 623
		39 910	46 277

<i>Vital Statistics</i>			
Births	no	1995	1996
Rate per 1 000 population		3 729	3 531
Deaths	no	20.6	19.1
Rate per 1000 population		812	768
Marriages	no	4.5	4.2
Rate per 1000 population		797	787
Divorces granted	no	4.4	4.3
Rate per 1000 population		432	486
		2.5	2.7

Public Hospitals	no	5	5
Available beds	no	569	577
Bed utilisation	%	89	86

Schools	no	174	172
Teaching staff	no	2 543	2 587
Students	no	34 842	35 507

<i>Approvals</i>			
New houses	no	931	1 105
New other residential buildings	no	505	842
Total building	\$m	394.3	474.4
<i>Completions</i>			
New houses	no	1 011	940
New other residential buildings	no	488	623
Total building	\$m	399.8	499.7

<i>Employment (trend estimate)</i>			
Employed persons	'000	Dec 1996	Dec 1997
Unemployed persons	'000	82.4	88.1
Unemployed rate	%	4.4	3.5
Participation rate	%	5.1	3.8
		68.2	70.4

<i>Average Weekly Earnings</i>			
All males total earnings	\$	Aug 1996	Aug 1997
All females total earnings	\$	672.5	671.3
All employees total earnings	\$	475.9	506.7
		579.0	592.3

* Source: Territory Health Services Annual Report

Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	119.5	121.6
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	188.0	196.9

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - DARWIN (cents)

		Sep qtr 1996	Sep qtr 1997
Milk, carton	1 litre	116	121
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680 g	194	196
Rump steak	1 kg	1 289	1 218
Potatoes	1 kg	109	132
Eggs - dozen	55g	291	310
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	211	191
Coffee, instant	150g	565	610
Draught beer, full strength	285 ml	225	230
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	77.4	78.9

AGRICULTURE

Establishments	no	337	355
Field crops and horticulture	\$m	36.0	40.6
Livestock slaughterings/other disposals and livestock products	\$m	138.2	149.5
Live cattle & buffalo exports	no	129 363	156 667

FISHING

Estimated value of catch		1994-95	1995-96
Barramundi	\$m	2.5	2.9
Snapper	\$m	2.6	3.6
Prawns	\$m	62.1	35.9
Total (all species)	\$m	121.9	98.9

Establishments	no	32	30
Persons employed	no	1 784	1 911
Wages and salaries	\$m	121.7	127.9
Turnover	\$m	1 280.3	1 272.7

EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE

Mineral exploration	\$m	1995-96	1996-97
Petroleum exploration	\$m	93.9	88.9
		96.3	n.p.

Persons employed	'000	3.2	3.5
Wages and salaries	\$m	99.9	101.3
Turnover	\$m	736.3	900.1

Occupancy rates

Hotels/motels/guesthouses	%	57.6	57.0
Caravan parks	%	28.3	28.6
Holiday flats, units and houses	%	74.5	69.5
Visitor Hostels	%	52.7	47.7
Takings from accommodation	\$m	134.0	145.3

New motor vehicles registered during year	no	7 660	7 715
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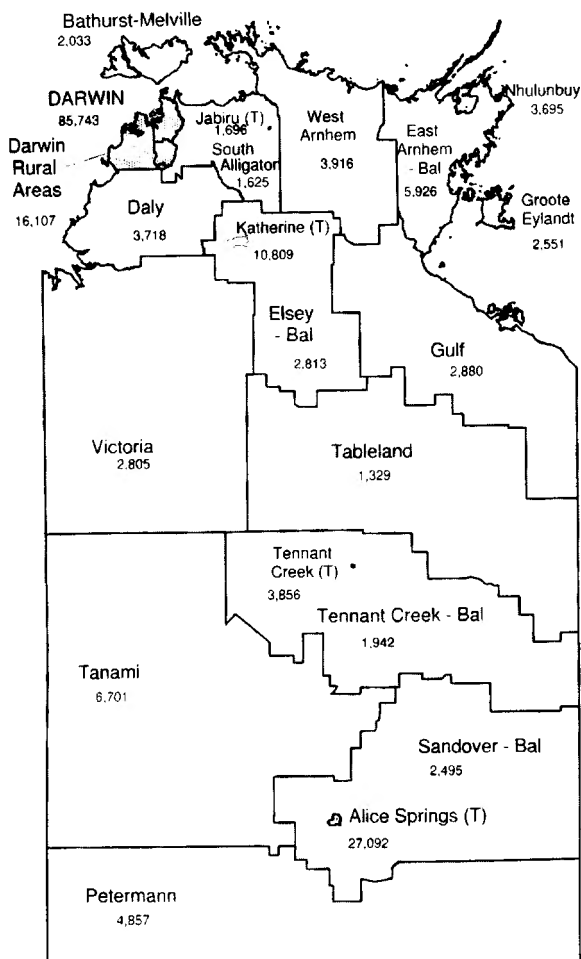
Value of imports to NT	\$m	394.6	404.0
Value of exports from NT	\$m	1 210.5	1 244.9

Territory Government

Current & Capital Outlays	\$m	1 697	1 771
Taxes, Fees & Fines	\$m	308	323
Revenue & Grants received	\$m	1 410	1 379

NOTE: (p) indicates preliminary figure n.p. not published

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1996 Census Population Counts
(includes visitors)

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